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SUBJECT: ZIRNDORF REFUGEE CENTER IN FRG

REF: COPENHAGEN 3157

1. FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FAMILIAR WITH ZIRNDORF
PROBLEM (VOLAGS, ICEM, UNHCR, ETC.) MISSION ABLE
ASCERTAIN THAT ZIERNDORF NOT BEING CLOSED BUT INTAKE OF REFUGEES
RESTRICTED. ON NOVEMBER 29-30 MINISTERS OF INTERIOR OF
VARIOUS LAENDER MET TO DISCUSS PROBLEM BUT NO DECISION
REACHED. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A FURTHER MEETING OF
STAATSEKRETARE IS TO BE HELD SOON IN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE MATTER.

2. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN FESTERING FOR NUMBER OF YEARS. IN
PAST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED EXPENSES OF ZIRNDORF
AND REIMBURSED BAVARIA FOR COST OF RUNNING CAMP. DURING PAST
YEAR OR SO FEDERAL SUBSIDIES STOPPED LEAVING BAVARIA TO SHOULDER
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ENTIRE BURDEN. REPORTEDLY BAVARIA NOW TAKES POSITION THAT

EACH STATE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF ITS OWN. REFUGEES ENTERING BAVARIA DIRECTLY WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY THAT STATE; THOSE ENTERING BAVARIA FROM OTHER STATES WILL BE SENT BACK TO STATE FROM WHENCE THEY CAME. THIS REPRESENTS TYPE OF INTERNAL REFOULEMENT WITH REFUGEES SUBJECT TO BEING SHUTTLED BACK AND FORTH ACCORDING TO NOTION EACH STATE HAS RESPECT ITS RESPONSIBILITY. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SEEMINGLY DOES NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED.

3. ACCORDING ICEM REFUGEE POPULATION IN CAMP ZIRNDORF IS DIMINISHING. AT END OF NOVEMBER, REFUGEES NUMBERED 531, DOWN ABOUT 21 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS MONTH. INTAKE DURING NOVEMBER WAS 195 DOWN 40 PERCENT FROM OCTOBER.

4. HOPEFULLY UPCOMING MEETING OF GERMAN STAATSEKRETARE WILL REALISTICALLY TACKLE DIFFERENCES AND ARRIVE AT UNDERSTANDING ALTHOUGH GENEVA REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS NOT PARTICULARLY SANGUINE.

5. VOLAGS IN GERMANY ARE ATTEMPTING TO FACE PROBLEM THROUGH USRP BY PROVIDING AS EMERGENCY MEASURE FEW DAYS LODGING FOR REFUGEES REFUSED ADMISSION AT ZIRNDORF UNTIL ALTERNATE QUARTERS FURNISHED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES. THIS CONNECTION MISSION (RMRC) HAS ADVISED VOLAGS TO EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN EFFECTING SUCH EXPENDITURES REMINDING THEM THAT BASIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES IN FRG RESTS AND GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

6. AT RECENT TRI-PARTITE MEETING (UNHCR/ICEM/USRP) IN GENEVA, MISSOFF RAISED THIS ZIRNDORF PROBLEM AND ENCOURAGED UNHCR TO PURSUE IT IN THE INTEREST OF REFUGEES CONCERNED. UNHCR AGREED TO DO SO. BASSIN

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